

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus comprising:
a first inflatable section having an interior open to an airflow from a blower;
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a second inflatable section attached to the first inflatable section and having
an interior that is substantially separated from the interior of the first inflatable
section such that if the airflow is stopped the second inflatable section will not
deflate as fast as the first inflatable section, wherein the second inflatable section
10 provides support to the first inflatable section when the airflow is stopped.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first inflatable section includes a top
surface defining a slide.
- 15 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first inflatable section is adapted to be
inflated and supported by the blower when the blower is running continually.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the airflow into the second section flows
through seam-holes between the first and second section.
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5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second inflatable section includes a
lower surface resting on a ground surface and a side surface attached at least half-
way up a side of the first inflatable section.
- 25 6. An apparatus comprising a second inflatable section of an inflatable
amusement or advertising unit supporting a first inflatable section wherein the
second inflatable section is adapted to deflate more slowly than the first inflatable
section when a source of airflow to the inflatable unit is interrupted or stopped.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first inflatable section is directly coupled to a blower to receive a continual air-flow from the blower.
- 5 8. The apparatus of claim 7, including a wall between the first and second inflatable sections, wherein the second inflatable section receives a portion of the airflow through holes at a seam between the first section and the second section.
9. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first section is a central portion of the
10 inflatable and the second section is on a side of the inflatable.
10. The apparatus of claim 6, including a third inflatable section for supporting the first inflatable section, wherein the third inflatable section is adapted to deflate more slowly than the first inflatable section when a source of airflow to the
15 inflatable unit is interrupted or stopped.
11. An apparatus comprising:
an inflatable structure adapted to be supported by airflow of a continually running blower; and
20 means to at least temporarily support the inflatable structure if the airflow into the inflatable structure is reduced to a level that does not support the inflatable structure.
12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the inflatable structure includes an upper
25 surface defining a slide.

13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein means to at least temporarily support includes a second inflatable structure coupled to the inflatable structure that is not open to the airflow.

5 14. An apparatus comprising:

an inflatable structure having a first inflatable portion defining a slide and having an interior volume open to an air-flow from a blower and adapted to be pressurized by the blower running continually, the inflatable structure including a second inflatable portion attached to the first inflatable portion and having a bottom
10 surface resting on a ground surface and a top section attached to the first inflatable portion at a height at least half-way up the first inflatable portion, the second inflatable portion not having direct communication with the airflow such that the second inflatable portion inflates slower than the first inflatable portion and also deflates slower than the first inflatable portion, wherein if the airflow from the
15 blower is stopped or reduced the second inflatable portion will at least temporarily support the first inflatable portion.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the second inflatable portion receives a portion of the airflow through holes at a seam between the first inflatable portion
20 and the inflatable portion section.

16. The apparatus of claim 14, including a third inflatable portion attached to the first inflatable portion, the third inflatable portion not having direct communication with the airflow.

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17. An apparatus comprising an inflatable amusement or advertising structure adapted for inflation by a substantially continuous airflow from a blower, the structure including at least two inflatable sections wherein a first one of the

inflatable sections is positioned and adapted to: a) remain inflated longer than the other inflatable section after airflow from the blower is interrupted, and b) provide support the other inflatable section even as the other inflatable section deflates.

5 18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the apparatus includes an inflatable slide.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the structure includes a third inflatable section which is also adapted to: a) remain inflated longer than the other inflatable section after airflow from the blower is interrupted, and b) provide support the other
10 inflatable section even as the other inflatable section deflates.

20. A method comprising supporting a first inflatable section of an inflatable amusement or advertising structure using a second inflatable section adapted to deflate more slowly than the first inflatable section when a source of airflow to the
15 inflatable structure is interrupted or stopped.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the airflow to the structure is delivered by a continually running blower.

20 22. A method comprising:
inflating an inflatable structure with an airflow from a continually running blower; and
at least temporarily supporting the inflatable structure if the airflow into the inflatable structure is reduced to a level that does not support the inflatable structure.

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23. The method of claim 22, wherein at least temporarily supporting includes providing a separate inflatable section of the inflatable structure that does not include a direct opening to the airflow.